

## OUR PRAYERS

### Signature HC

Martha Wallace 323B

### Hospice Care

Mary Stanley

Lynda Park

### At Home

Earl Galloway

### Our Sympathy

love and prayers go out to  
...Judy Babb and family in the loss of her mother, Doris Babb

...Bishop McAlilly and family in the loss of his nephew, Kevin Stauffer, Jr.

...Al Lesseg & family in the loss of his wife, Shirley Lesseg

## OUR PRESENCE

### December 29

Church School	31
Worship	64
Visitors	10

## OUR GIFTS

### December 29

This Week's Offering	\$ 710
MTD	\$ 20,241
Apportionments TD	\$ 35,760

## OUR SERVICE

### January 4

<b>Greeters</b>	Barbara Scheirer Audrey Weaver
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bruce Hughes
<b>Scripture</b>	Brother Paul
<b>Children's Time</b>	Brother Paul
<b>Lock-up</b>	Neil DeLong

## OUR WITNESS

### January Scripture Readers

12	Warren Petty
19	Judy Stanley
26	Dean Tutor



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### Scripture Readings for January 5, 2014:

Psalm 71:1-7,10-14; Isaiah 60:1-6

Sermon: "Look for the Light"



## LÖÖKING AHEAD

Sun. 1/5/14	Epiphany Sunday <b>9:00a Trustees Mtg.</b> 9:15a Prayer Time 9:15a Fellowship Time 9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship
Mon. 1/6	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 1/7	6:00p Cub Scouts
Wed. 1/8	6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 1/9	NO Bible Study
Fri. 1/10	Offices Closed
Sat. 1/11	9:00a District UMW Presi- dents/Vice Presidents Day @ Aldersgate
Sun. 1/12	9:15a Prayer Time 9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship <b>12:15p Church Council</b>

## ATTENTION TRUSTEES

We have an important meeting coming up on January 5. Election of officers, among other things, will take place. Mark your calendar now for 1/5/14 at 9:00 a.m. and plan to attend!



## FELLOWSHIP TIME

...is January 5 at 9:15a with the Fellowship Class as hosts.

## 2014 OFFERING ENVELOPES

...are now available on the table outside the sanctuary.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Although these persons are no strangers to us, we heartily welcome them "officially" into our church family:

Jo Ann Shelton 4839 Stone Park Blvd. Olive Branch, MS 38654 662-895-5233	Barry Pilkinton 5373 S. Hayne Circle Memphis, TN 38119 901-685-9468
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Everyone give them a warm, Aldersgate "official" welcome.



## FOOD PANTRY FOR JANUARY

Canned Soups      Canned Pasta

## CHURCH COUNCIL TO MEET ON JANUARY 12

You do not have to be a Council member to attend the Church Council meeting on Jan. 12. Everyone is invited. Though non-members may not vote on any issues, your input will be appreciated. The time is 12:15p, right after worship.



## SIGN UP NOW TO BE A GREETER IN 2014

The last 3 quarters of 2014 still have openings for greeters. The sign-up sheet is on the office window. Thank you for signing up!



## UMW NEWS

Ladies, please keep in mind that:

- Presidents/Vice Presidents Day is Saturday, January 11, 9:00am at Aldersgate.
- The Koinonia and Love/Hope Groups will meet on Tuesday, January 14
- The UMW Executive Meeting will be January 19, at 12:15pm

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Our Southeastern Jurisdiction Leadership Team is planning our quadrennial meeting in 2016. The theme is "A Fresh Wind Blowing". The scripture is John 3:8, "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit".

We are requesting logo submissions. The logo must represent the theme and the scripture. The logos received will be submitted from our Southeastern Jurisdiction and voted on in March 2014. The deadline for submission will be Feb. 25. These may be emailed to President Patty Stricklin at [pattystricklin@yahoo.com](mailto:pattystricklin@yahoo.com), or to Secretary Charlotte Smith at [charlottesmith@twc.com](mailto:charlottesmith@twc.com).

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When you expect someone to communicate, have the grace to listen!



## ARE YOU READY FOR BINGO?

Our first bingo event for 2014, White Beans & Bingo, is coming up on January 30th. Get out your favorite beans, corn bread or slaw recipes to share and get ready to yell BINGO! Wrap your white elephant prizes beautifully and plan to join us! Sign up sheets will be on the office window and the bulletin board.

## HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Gifts have been given for  
**Honorarium Fund**

In honor of the children who contributed to the Dec. 22 service with their singing and lighting the Advent candles

In honor of Lisa Hughes for her work with the Children's Choir

In honor of Jo Ann Shelton and Barry Pilkinton, our new members

In honor of Rebeca Ernst by  
Martha Ruth Allen

In honor of Teresa McMullin by  
Martha Ruth Allen

## Memorial Fund

In memory of Earline Gabriel by  
Gene, Becky, Walker & Philip Gabriel



## DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES

### Our Theological Task

Theology is our effort to reflect upon God's gracious action in our lives. In response to the love of Christ, we desire to be drawn into a deeper relationship with "faith's pioneer and perfecter". Our theological explorations seek to give expression to the mysterious reality of God's presence, peace and power in the world. By so doing, we attempt to articulate more clearly our understanding of the divine-human encounter and are thereby more fully prepared to participate in God's work in the world.

The theological task, though related to the Church's doctrinal expressions, serves a different function. Our doctrinal affirmations assist us in the discernment of Christian truth in ever-changing contexts. Our theological task includes the testing, renewal, elaboration, and application of our doctrinal perspective in carrying out our calling "to spread scriptural holiness over these lands".